



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 106, MP 48, MP 54, MP 59)

Sunday 9 am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)

(Hymns: MP 728, MP 411, MP 760, MP 151)

*** <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).
Contact the office for the password.**

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Rev'd Timothy writes...

The psalm set for this Sunday, Psalm 133, is one of the shorter psalms, but a great one nevertheless. It is known as a 'Song of Ascents', sung as people went up to high places such as the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. As the psalmist ascends, he looks down and sees what

How good
and pleasant it is
when God's people
live together
in unity!

Psalms 133:1

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is below, discord where there ought to be unity. The images that the psalm brings out are therefore suggest life and common belonging. Oil was used for cleansing, anointing and healing. Aaron was anointed to serve God, and the generosity of the oil reflects the generosity of God. Then water, the 'dew of Hermon,' brings life to dry places. The psalmist calls his hearers to embrace the generosity and life-giving power of God by worshipping God in unity.

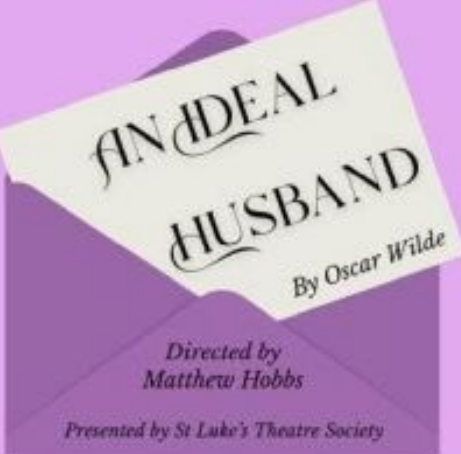
It is no coincidence that these same symbols, water and oil, have a place in baptism, through which are a sign of our unity as Christians.

Update of parish contact list and roll

We are renewing our Parish Roll and contact list as, over time, this has become out-of-date. We are also taking the opportunity to ascertain who are Parishioners and Electors in the parish. These have specific meanings according to the Canons (the rule book) of the diocese. In particular one needs to be an Elector to stand for office or vote at a meeting of Parishioners.

Forms to collect these data will be available in church, or you can complete it online at <https://tinyurl.com/stlukesekibin-roll>





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28th Aug - 12th Sept

Readings for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1–15 When Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers, a story shaped by betrayal turns toward reconciliation and providence. Joseph affirms that God has been at work even through human wrongdoing.

Psalms 133 is a short psalm that celebrates the gift of people living together in peace, comparing unity to oil poured in blessing and dew that brings life. It reminds us that community itself can be a place where God's blessing is known.

Romans 11:13–32 Paul argues that God's mercy is wider than human divisions and that God does not abandon those once called. Even disobedience becomes part of a larger story shaped by mercy. What might it mean to trust in mercy that reaches further than our boundaries?

Matthew 15:21–28 This story holds a surprising encounter between Jesus and a woman who refuses to turn away. The woman's persistence unsettles familiar boundaries and reveals a faith that crosses divisions. Where might we find ourselves within this encounter?

First reading

A reading from Genesis

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two

years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own

mouth that speaks to you.¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

² It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.

³ It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry¹⁴ in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them.¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the

rich root of the olive tree,¹⁸ do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you.¹⁹ You will say, ‘Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.’²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe.²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you.²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God’s kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.²³ And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.²⁴ For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

²⁵ So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

‘Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.’

²⁷ ‘And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.’

²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors;²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.³⁰ Just as

you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Romans 11:13-32

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my

daughter is tormented by a demon.'²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Matthew 15:21-28

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Word for the Day

This is a story with a lot of history. In Deuteronomy 7, God commands Joshua to act with no mercy towards the Canaanites. Here in Matthew's passage, we meet a Canaanite woman who pleads with Jesus (another Joshua) for mercy. What's important for us to consider is that Canaanites no longer existed as an identifiable culture in Jesus' day. Brian McLaren notes that calling this woman a Canaanite would be like calling someone a Viking or an Aztec today. We might consider Matthew's text as an intentional recapitulation of an older story by a new Joshua. We might even read it as a confession. McLaren (2015, pp.48-49) writes:

Our ancestors, led by Moses and Joshua, believed God sent them into the world in conquest, to show no mercy to their enemies, to defeat and kill them. But now, following Christ, we hear God giving us a higher mission. Now we believe God sends us into the world in compassion, to show mercy, to heal, to feed, to nurture and protect life rather than take it.

Jesus, along with the Canaanite woman (who offers a masterclass in creative non-violence, peacemaking, and persistence), gives us a fresh take on the old challenge of what to do when we have become outsiders to each other, a people defined by distance, otherness, and hostility. With enough faith, we can wage peace, extend mercy, and contribute to a wholeness that changes our lives and our communities.

Ideas for Reflection

The gospel story seems to propose a rewriting of history that includes recognition of what has gone before, but it moves us beyond that. The story urges compassion, mercy, and continues with a momentum that involves going out to heal and feed, to nurture and protect life, to embody reconciliation (Matthew 15:29–39).

- What might this story mean for us as the church?
- What are the old stories we might be asked to rewrite?
- In what ways do we need to learn new ways of being so that we can avoid being and becoming outsiders to each other?
- Where can we grow in compassion and empathy?
- What might we learn from the courage and persistence of the Canaanite woman?
- What makes for really positive partnerships as we seek to walk alongside each other?

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Saturday 29 August 2026
St Francis College, Milton
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Sue Johnson is taking part in the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games to be held in Melbourne in October.

She has to raise money to pay for her accommodation, food, air fares, and uniforms.

If you would like to contribute to help Sue with this, please put your donation in the collection plate with Sue's name on it, or deposit in the church account with the same notation.

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For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The World

Pray for those affected by the earthquake this week in western Colombia

The Anglican Communion

The Church in Wales

The Diocese of Newcastle: †Peter Stuart; Assistant Bishops – †Sonia Roulston, †Charlie Murry; Clergy and People

The Parish of Allora-Clifton: Courtney Smith

Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, Parish Nominators and Synod Representatives

The Glennie School, Toowoomba: Principal – Emma Lowry; Chaplain – vacant; Chair of School Council – †Cameron Venables; members of School Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

The Church Missionary Society and missionaries sent from the QNNSW branch.

Local Schools and colleges

Yeronga High, Mansfield High, Holland Park High, Mt Gravatt High, Brisbane State High

Our parish

Pray for Mel Ware, the director of Little Angels Tarragindi as shw recruits staff for the centre.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Scott L, Tim Vassella.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

16 August: Matilda Annie Hancox, Maria Elaine Phipps; *17 August:* Robert Wilkie Burns; *18 August:* William Graydon Illingworth, Thora Jean Jardine; *19 August:* Dawn Lillie Slaughter; *20 August:* Francis Clark Byrne, Harold Frederick Hoffman, Norman Fitzroy Mclean, Leonard Francis Byrne, Bernard Hilton Bertwistle; *21 August:* Donald Bradbury, James Leslie Carr; *22 August:* Elaine Adelaide Polson, Penelope Anne McKay-Wood

Articles and photos for next Church News

Please send to Honor by

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Perhaps you would like to share some of your photos from the Parish Camp, please send to phlawler@optusnet.com.au or phone 0410423446.

Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: **C10686424**

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Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 23rd August:

13th Sunday after Pentecost

7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

9am: Family Communion at St Luke's
(with Zoom stream and
Children's Church)

*Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124,
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20*

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